## In the Specification

Please SUBSTITUTE the following amended paragraph/section for the pending paragraph (a marked up copy of the prior pending paragraph with all changes shown is supplied in the appendix):

Please replace the pending paragraph, which begins on page 12, last paragraph:

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Although not shown, the LCD housing 118 generally includes a housing plate and a housing frame, and the bezel 116 generally includes a bezel plate and a bezel frame. The frames are arranged to structurally support the plates. In one implementation, the plates are formed from a sheet metal such as titanium, and the frames are formed from a plastic material such carbon fiber plastic. The frames are generally arranged to surround the perimeter of the plates, i.e., they may form a portion of the walls. In one implementation, the frames are structurally attached to the plates via a structural glue so as to form a singular composite structure, as for example, the LCD housing 118 and the bezel 116. By way of example, techniques for gluing a frame to a plate may be found in U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/821,784, entitled "COMPUTER ENCLOSURE," filed on 03/28/01, which is herein incorporated by reference.

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In addition, the top plate 170 is electrically bonded to the top frame 172 and the bottom plate 174 is electrically bonded to the bottom frame 176. In one embodiment, a conductive paste is used to attach the top frame 172 to the top plate 170 and to attach the bottom frame 176 to the bottom plate 174 so as to electrically seal the interfaces therebetween. The conductive paste preferably exhibits good electrical characteristics and good adhesion between the conductive layer disposed on the inner surfaces of the frames and the top and bottom plates 170, 174. Like the glue, the conductive paste generally has two states – a compliant state and a rigid state. By way of example, techniques for structurally and electrically gluing a frame to a plate may be found in U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/821,784, entitled "COMPUTER ENCLOSURE," filed on 03/28/01, which is herein incorporated by reference.

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Referring to Figs. 5-7, the enclosureless CD/DVD drive 232 is configured for placement within the base 102 and more particularly between portions of the top case 103, bottom case 105 and rib chassis 238. The enclosureless CD/DVD drive 232 generally includes a frame component 248 having a base member 250 and a top cover 252. The base member 250 is configured for structurally supporting the sensitive components of the drive 232 and the top cover 252 is configured for covering the sensitive components of the drive 232. By way of example, the cover 252 may be arranged to block the passage of light emanating from the laser of the drive. The base member 250 generally includes a base portion 254 and side portions 256 extending therefrom. The side portions 256 include a flange portion 258 for receiving the bottom surface of the cover 252. In some cases, the flange portions 258 include a threaded receptacle for receiving a screw so as to attach the cover 252 to the base member 250. Although the base member 250 and cover 252 surround the periphery of the drive components, the combination of the base member 250 and cover 252 leaves a plurality of openings therebetween. This is generally done to reduce the overall weight of the drive 232. In one embodiment (as shown in Fig. 5), the cover 252 includes an extension 252A for covering the moving laser underneath (typically this is not done because conventional drives have an enclosure that already serves this function). As should be appreciated, it is generally desirable to block laser light from emanating outside the drive so as to meet computer standards. In one implementation, the base member 250 is formed from suitable material such as stainless steel and the cover 252 is formed from a suitable material such as aluminum.

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